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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

ORION HEALTHCORP, INC. et al.,

Debtors.

HOWARD M. EHRENBERG, IN HIS CAPACITY AS LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE OF ORION HEALTHCORP, INC., ET AL.,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARVIND WALIA; NIKNIM MANAGEMENT INC.,

Defendants.

Chapter 11

Case No. 18-71748 (AST)

Adv. Proc. No. 20-08049 (AST)

# ORDER GRANTING AND DENYING IN PART JUDGMENT AGAINST DEFENDANTS AR IND WALIA AND NIKNIM MANAGEMENT INC.

The Court, having held trial in the above-referenced matter on July 24, 2024, and having considered the evidence, the Court's April 10, 2024 ruling on *Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative Summary Adjudication as Against Defendants Arvind Walia; Niknim Management Inc*, prior pleadings and the record in this bankruptcy case as a whole; and having set this matter for a ruling conference on November 20, 2024 (the "Ruling Conference"); and sufficient cause appearing; and for the reasons set forth on the record of the Ruling Conference including certain legal and factual findings of the Court,

### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

1. Plaintiff's First Cause of Action to Avoid an Intentionally Fraudulent Transfer under 11 U.S.C. §§544 and 548(a)(1)(A) and N.Y. Debtor and Creditor Law §276, and Second Cause of Action to Avoid a Constructively Fraudulent Transfer under 11 U.S.C. §544 and N.Y. Debtor and Creditor Law §§272-275, and §273-a, to avoid and recover the

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transfer in the amount of \$2,500,000 (the "First Transfer"), made to the Defendants

Arvind Walia and NIKNIM Management, Inc., is <u>denied</u> as to either causes of action.

Plaintiff's First Cause of Action to Avoid an Intentionally Fraudulent Transfer under 11

U.S.C. §§544 and 548(a)(1)(A) and N.Y. Debtor and Creditor Law §276, Second Cause

of Action to Avoid a Constructively Fraudulent Transfer under 11 U.S.C. §544 and N.Y.

Debtor and Creditor Law §§272-275, and §273-a, to avoid and recover the transfer in

the amount of \$1,520,000 (the "Second Transfer") and Fourth Cause of Action For

Recovery of Property Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §544 and N.Y. Debtor and Creditor Law is

granted as to each causes of action. Defendants NIKNIM Management, Inc., and Arvind

Walia, individually, are joint and severally liable for \$1,520,000.

3. Plaintiff's Fifth Cause of Action to Object to the Claim No. 10067, filed in the amount

of \$61,590, as filed by Arvind Walia, is granted and the claim disallowed pursuant to

Bankruptcy Code section 502(d).

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4. Plaintiff is awarded plus pre-judgment interest in accordance with the applicable interest

rate as to the Second Transfer as against Defendants Arvind Walia and NIKNIM

Management Inc., jointly and individually.

5. The Court retains jurisdiction over remaining matters related thereto including costs and

issuance of judgment.

Dated: December 6, 2024 Central Islip, New York



Alan S. Trust

Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

1	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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5	. 8-20-08049-AST
6	. Calendar Time 10:00 AM
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	EHRENBERG V. ARVIND WALIA ET AL
8	[1] COMPLAINT BY HOWARD M. EHRENBERG IN HIS CAPACITY AS
9	LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE OF ORION HEALTHCORP, INC., ET AL AGAINST ARVIND WALIA, NIKNIM MANAGEMENT INC NATURE(S) OF SUIT:
10	(12 (RECOVERY OF MONEY/PROPERTY - 547 PREFERENCE)), (13 (RECOVERY OF MONEY/PROPERTY - 548 FRAUDULENT TRANSFER)), (14 (RECOVERY OF
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1 THE COURT: This is Judge Trust. We'll take appearances please, starting with the plaintiff. 2 JEFFREY NOLAN: Good morning, Your Honor. Jeff Nolan 3 appearing on behalf of the plaintiff, Howard Ehrenberg. Also attending is Mr. Ehrenberg. THE COURT: And then for the defendants? 6 SANFORD ROSEN: Good morning, Judge. Sanford Rosen, 7 co-counsel for the defendant. EUGENE SCHEIMAN: Eugene Scheiman for defendant Walia. 9 THE COURT: Alright. Alright. Good morning. Do the parties 10 have a settlement to announce? 11 JEFFREY NOLAN: Unfortunately, no, Your Honor. 12 THE COURT: Okay. Alright. Then, this morning will be the 13 court's ruling after trial. The matters presented are court 14 proceedings under Title 28 Section 157B. This court has authority 15 to hear and determine under the standing orders of reference in effect 16 in this district following what constitutes the court's post trial 17 findings of fact and conclusions of law. By way of background, the 18 debtors, they were all listed on the petition starting with Orion 19 20 Health Corp Inc. They were a consolidated enterprise of several 2.1 companies engaged, excuse me, aggregated through a series of acquisitions, which operate in the healthcare space, primarily 2.2 revenue and practice management for physician practices. This 23 adversary proceeding involves two transfers sought to be recovered 24 by the trustee as either actual and/or constructive fraudulent 25

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transfers under Section 544 and 548 of the Bankruptcy Code and Sections 273 through 276 of the New York Debtor and Creditor Laws. Both transfers were made by one or more of the debtors either directly or indirectly to the named defendants, Arvind Walia and Niknim Management. The first transfer was made two years pre-petition on April 15, 2016 from an M & T Bank account of the debtors to a JP Morgan Chase bank account of the corporate defendant, Niknim in the amount of \$2,500,000. I'll refer to that as the first transfer. That was made at the direction of Paul Parmar who was the control person on behalf of one or more of the corporate debtor entities at the time. That transfer was made at the direction of defendant Walia on behalf of an entity called Porteck Corporation, which was a seller in connection with an asset purchase agreement, which I'll refer to as the APA. The APA provided for a purchase price to the favor of Porteck in the amount of \$12,800,000. The terms of that APA including an indemnification provision under Section 1.6 which provided the \$2,500,000 of the purchase price was to be escrowed to indemnify the buyer of Physicians Practice Plus in the event that claims arose post closing. The provision- the contractual provision provided that if funds and indemnification were not needed by the buyer, they could be returned to the seller. The record reflects that the indemnification clause or the rights of the buyer to seek indemnity were never triggered. The second transfer was a wire transfer made one year pre-petition in June of 2017 from a lawyer's trust account, lawyers to the benefit of the debtors, which was held

1 recover the second transfer in the amount of \$1,520,000 from either defendant; however, the court has also determined that the trustee 2 3 did not satisfy his burden of proof demonstrating that the first transfer can be avoided against either Walia or Niknim. At the summary judgment stay, the court had found a number of facts to not be in material dispute, but found others to be in dispute and directed the parties as part of their pretrial- joint pretrial memorandum 7 to stipulate the facts, which were not at issue for purposes of trial. Those stipulated facts appear at Docket 137, the joint facts. I will incorporate those into this ruling as well, but will only recite 10 a few of them. With respect to the first transfer of \$2,500,000 in 11 2- in 2015, Mr. Parmar, then CEO of Constellation Healthcare 12 13 Technologies, wanted to acquire a medical billing company and became interested in Porteck. Porteck was a technology services company 14 owned and controlled by Mr. Walia, who was its CEO. At the time, 15 Porteck had two business lines referred to as HMS and PC Advantage, 16 which were both medical billing companies. In March of 2015, the 17 debtor and the- the later debtor entity, Physician Practice Plus 18 acquired the assets of Porteck pursuant to an APA. The sellers were 19 20 Walia, Porteck and the Janaminder Trust. Mr. Walia executed the APA 2.1 on behalf of all entities, but the Walia Trust, also the seller never signed the APA. Parmar signed on behalf of the buyer. The APA provided 2.2 a purchase price of \$12,800,000 even though Mr. Walia had agreed 23 in writing to sell Porteck's assets for \$10,800,000. The purchase 24 price was "juiced upwards" by \$2,000,000 because Mr. Walia- Mr. 25

Parmar told Walia he needed an extra \$2,000,000 to cover deal fees. Mr. Walia testified he didn't really pay attention to the "juiced 2 3 up" purchase price. The trial evidence reflects that the deal fees were actually under \$200,000, not anywhere close to the \$2,000,000. As far as the assets being acquired, the net assets of being acquired from AHMS were \$1,350,000. The net asset value of PTA at the timeof PCA at the time was \$474,000. So the total value of the assets 7 being acquired from Porteck for \$12,800,000 was less than 9 \$2,000,000. The parties agreed that the purchase price was five times the EBITDA of the acquired business lines. The bank records reflected 10 that a wire of \$9,800,000 went from an IOLTA account at Robinson 11 Brogg held on behalf of the debtor CHT to close the purchase price-12 13 to close the purchase, but of that \$9,800,000, \$6,800,000 went to Walia and his entities, and \$3,000,000 went "sideways" to another 14 non-debtor entity controlled by Mr. Parmar. After the deal closed, 15 Walia moved over to debtor Orion Health Company as the CEO and then 16 became the chief technology officer of CHT and served in those 17 capacities after both of the transfers at issue were made. Mr. Walia 18 testified about the purpose of the \$2,500,000 escrow agreement to 19 20 protect the buyer in- in the event of a claim. Although the APA, 2.1 particularly in Section 1.6, calls for the execution of an escrow 2.2 agreement and the selection of an escrow agent, neither of those ever occurred. As far as the second transfer of \$1,520,000, as I 23 stated, that was in connection with the purchase of an entity called 24 Objectech, which was owned-excuse me, purchase of a company Mr. 25

Walia indirectly owned called AllRad, which was actually directly held by Objectech. The purchase agreement required for various due 3 diligence to be undertaken and reports to be issued, but those were never provided. State and federal tax returns were also to be provided to the buyer. Those were not provided. But despite the pre-closing deficiencies, the purchase agreement closed in June of 2017 and the debtor funded the \$1,520,000 and acquired the share ownership in 7 AllRad that the agreement called for. The court at trial had four affidavits from the trustee, an expert affidavit of Craig Jacobson, an expert affidavit of Max Mitchell, a fact affidavit of Frank 10 Lazarra, and a fact affidavit of Edith Wong. All of those affidavits 11 as well as numerous other exhibits totaling 31 were admitted. Each 12 of those witnesses were available at trial for cross examination. 13 The court also, upon request of the trustee, took notice of a proof 14 of claim filed by Walia at Claim 10141, a summons and verified 15 complaint filed in New York State Court Criterion's LLC versus Visian 16 Court Physicians Practice Arvind Walia and Constellation 17 Healthcare. The court also accepted the affidavit of Mr. Walia and 18 he was cross examined at trial. The court generally found all the 19 20 witnesses' testimony to be credible. There were very few conflicting 2.1 areas of conflict between the witnesses' fact testimony. As parties 2.2 were well aware, Bankruptcy Code Section 548(a)(1) allows the trustee to avoid transfer made two years prior to the petition date 23 if made with actual fraudulent intent to hinder, delay or defraud. 24 DCL 276 similarly so provides as a matter of New York State Law. 25

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Those two provisions are essentially identical. See this court's opinion in Janitorial Closeout, 213 Westlaw, 492375 at 5. For a transfer to be avoided as actually fraudulent, the debtor movingthe party with a burden of proof must demonstrate that the debtor had an interest in the transferred property, the property occurred within the applicable limitations period, and the transfer was made with actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud. For purposes of this analysis, the court focuses on the intent of the transferor, not the intent of the transferee. The trustee's burden was to establish fraudulent intent by clear and convincing evidence. See in re Jacobs, Bankruptcy Eastern District of New York 2008, 394 B.R. 646. The court routinely in the Second Circuit as elsewhere look in a number of badges of fraud for that determination. See this court's opinion in Zerbo, 392 B.R. 642 at 649. The trustee also sought to avoid the transfers as constructively fraudulent under Bankruptcy Code Section 548 (a) (1) (B) and New York DCL 273 through 275. Under the Bankruptcy Code, the trustee must establish that an interest in the debtors- of the debtor's property was transferred, that it occurred within two years prior to the petition date, that the debtor received less than a reasonably equivalent value in exchange, and that one of the four financial conditions enumerated in the code was satisfied. See in re Molina, 657 B.R. 172 at 186, Bankruptcy Eastern District 2023. Under State Law, a transfer can be a fraudulent 23 conveyance- can be a constructively fraudulent- excuse me- can be a constructively fraudulent transfer if it is made without fair

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consideration and neither the transferor was insolvent or rendered insolvent at the time of the transfer, was engaged or about to engage in a business for which its property constitutes a reasonably small capital, or the transferor believed it would incur debt beyond its ability to pay. See in re Dreier, 452 B.R. 391 at 441, Bankruptcy Southern District of New York 2011. Fair consideration of New York DCL 272 requires that when an exchange for property is made that the- that the fair- that the transferor receives a fair equivalent and good faith and- and- excuse me, receives a fair equivalent value in good faith or that when the property is transferred, the obligation is incurred in good faith. It's made to secure a present advance or for payment of antecedent debt, not disproportionately small as compared with the value of the property transferred or the obligation undertaken. The courts generally agree that the determination of fair consideration can be elusive and is not subject to a precise formula. Here in connection- here it is undisputed that the debtors had an interest in- in the property, which was made the subject of both transfers. See joint facts paragraph 6 that they were made within the applicable statutes of limitations. The first transfer was made in connection with the Porteck APA, which was governed by the statewhich was governed by the laws of the State of New York. The second transfer was purportedly made in connection with the Objectech purchase agreement also governed by the laws of the State of New York. At the trial, the trustee asserted that defendant should be held liable for both of the transfers, largely arguing that the

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transfers arose out of a fraud orchestrated against creditors by Parmar joined in by Mr. Walia, that Walia was Parmar's "partner in crime," and that neither of the transfers could have occurred but for Walia's involvement. Conversely, Walia maintained that he believed the transfers were legitimate. More specifically, as to the first transfer, the trustee's theory is that the Porteck APA escrow provisions, which Walia claims as the source of fair consideration for the \$2,500,000 stems from a transaction, which is fraudulent on its face. Much of the evidence deduced to trial by the trustee suggests issues or concerns with the overall purchase price of the APA including the "juiced up" \$2,000,000, payment of the purchase price and how the overall agreement was carried out between Walia and Parmar. However, the trustee has not brought any claims concerning the validity of the APA itself. The underlying overall transaction is not and was not the subject of a fraudulent transfer attacked by the trustee either as action or constructive. In fact, at trial, the court questioned the trustee's counsel about whether the trustee believed that he had stated a fraudulent transfer claim against the APA. Counsel's response was that was "irrelevant." Thus, in the court's analysis, it is not the APA or the overall Porteck transaction, which is under attack before this court. The only issue before this court relates to the \$2,500,000 second and final payment made approximately 13 months after the Porteck closing. The record is clear that the \$2,500,000 which was held back was held back for the indemnity obligations of the seller under the APA. While Section

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1.6 provided that the \$2,500,000 would be delivered by Physician Practices, the buyer and a debtor, at closing to an escrow agent pursuant to an escrow agreement. As stated, no such escrow agreement was executed. No such escrow agent was selected. However, it's clear that the intent of the expressed provision of the escrow portion of the APA was to protect the rights of the buyer, Physician Practice and the ability for the buyer to secure their right to funds in the event of the triggering of an indemnity obligation. However, the record is also clear that no indemnity claims were ever asserted by the buyer against the seller, and the trustee has not asserted or proven that the \$2,500,000 first transfer exceeded the remaining contractual obligations of Physicians Practice. Thus, the trustee has failed to demonstrate that the first transfer was made without fair consideration. Generally, satisfying a contractual obligation constitutes reasonably equivalent value as a matter of law. While it doesn't express the bar claim for constructive fraud, the trustee must still need the elements of proof and he has failed to do so here. See King Operations in re PA Co-Man Inc, 644 B.R. 553 at 626, Bankruptcy Western District of Pennsylvania, 2022. The court has also found that the evidence submitted at trial including what was undisputed in summary judgment failed to prove the elements of an actual fraudulent transfer concerning the \$2,500,000 as it relates to either defendant. Walia was the signatory to the APA as the selling shareholder. He was the owner and control person of Porteck. He informed Niknim to manage his consulting work and take care of his

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personal investments and family trust. Walia consistently used Niknim's bank account for business transactions and often for personal needs. The \$2,500,000 as stated was the payment of a specific contractual obligation. Again, while much of the evidence proffered by the trustee suggests suspicion around the overall purchase price for the Porteck assets, the APA itself was not the subject of a fraudulent transfer claim. The court also noted that the debtor's books and records did not reflect an antecedent debt of \$2,500,000 owed to the sellers of Porteck at the relevant time. That in and of itself does not prove a fraudulent transfer because the contract expressly provides for that post closing obligation. Thus, all relief as to the first transfer is denied. As relates to the second transfer, the court previously found that the second transfer was avoidable as against Niknim. For the following reasons, the court also finds that the second transfer is avoidable against Walia and the trustee may recover the \$1,520,000 from either defendant. Section 550 of the Bankruptcy Code expressly provides that to the extent that a transfer is avoided under sections 544, 548, or others, the trustee may recover for the benefit of the estate, the property transferred or the value of the property transfer from either the initial transferee of such transfer or the entity for whose benefit such transfer was made or an immediate- or immediate transferee. Court has already avoided the second transfer as against Niknim under Section 548. Section 550 on its face makes such a fraudulent transfer recoverable against any party for whose benefit the transfer was

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made that retains- or that retains the property transfers. Here, Niknim was the initial transferee. The record is clear that the sole intent of the second transfer being made to Niknim was to benefit Walia. Niknim was clearly a vehicle that Walia used for his personal and business purposes, that it was Mr. Walia who personally benefited from the second transfer as well as actively participating in the transaction. As noted, the sale agreement involved the sale of AllRad, which Mr. Walia indirectly owned. Additional evidence in the record supports this conclusion. On June 21, 2017 at 6:37 p.m., Walia emailed Sam Zaharis at Constellation Health Group that he was able to sign the APA on behalf of Objectech as he was the only member. He noted in that email that Objectech was a shell company. In that same email, Mr. Walia provided wire instructions for the money to go to Niknim's bank account. Other than the fact that Walia owned both Objectech and Niknim, there is no other relationship between these companies in the record. Thus, there is no reason for the \$1,520,000 purchase price to be wired to Niknim's bank account since it was not a seller other than solely as a convenience for and to the benefit of Walia. Again, Walia had testified that he used Niknim's bank account for personal expenses, for business purposes, and as a convenience for himself. Niknim had no interest in AllRad, so it is clear that it was Walia who benefited from the transfer to Niknim. Thus, the court has concluded that the trustee may recover the second transfer from either defendant. Because the court has not granted judgment in favor of the trustee on the first transfer and has

determined that the second transfer is recoverable against either 1 defendant under Section 550, the court need not and therefore will 2 not address the trustee's claims of alter ego. Section 551 provides 3 that any transfer avoidant under Sections 548 and others are preserved for the benefit of the estate. As the second transfer has been avoided pursuant to Section 548 and is found recoverable against both defendants, the second transfer is preserved for the benefit 7 of the estate. Finally, with respect to the claims objection, the 9 trustee also objected to the Walia claims. Section 502D provides that the court will disallow the claim of any entity who has received 10 fraudulent transfer until such transfer has been repaid. On July 11 5, 2018, Walia filed a claim for \$61,590. All claims of Walia and 12 Niknim are disallowed unless and until they have repaid the 13 fraudulent transfer receipt in addition to applicable pre and post 14 judgment interest. The court is directing that the trustees submit 15 a judgment in his- in his favor avoiding the second transfer, both 16 as against Niknim and as against Walia with a judgment of liability 17 against both along with all appropriate prejudgment and post 18 judgment interest at the applicable statutory rates as well as 19 allowable costs of suit. That will conclude the court's ruling 20 2.1 conference on 20-8049. The court will be in recess until 11 o'clock. I'm going to direct that the- the attorneys for each side work on 2.2 a form of judgment to be submitted consistent with my ruling within 23 14 days. The court will now be in recess until 11 o'clock and we 24 will go off the record. Thank you all. 25

1	JEFFREY NOLAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
2	SANFORD ROSEN: Thank you.
3	EUGENE SCHEIMAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
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### **United States Bankruptcy Court**

Eastern District of New York 290 Federal Plaza Central Islip, NY 11722

IN RE:	CASE NO: 8–20–08049–ast
Ehrenberg v. Arvind Walia et al	
DEBTOR(s)	

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Dated: December 18, 2024

For the Court, Robert A. Gavin, Jr., Clerk of Court

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An Order Dismissing Case of Honorable Gary R. Brown, United States District Judge, having been filed on March 19, 2025, denying Appellant's appeal without prejudice to renewal after the entry of a final decision by the Bankruptcy Court, and directing the Clerk of the Court to close this case, it is

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that Appellants Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. 's appeal is denied without prejudice to renewal after the entry of a final decision by the Bankruptcy Court; and that this case is closed.

Dated: March 20, 2025 Central Islip, New York

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BY: /s/ James J. Toritto Deputy Clerk

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

ORION HEALTHCORP, INC.,1

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 18-71748-(AST)

HOWARD M. EHRENBERG IN HIS CAPACITY AS LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE OF ORION HEALTHCORP, INC., ET AL.,

Plaintiff,

- against -

ARVIND WALIA; NIKNIM MANAGEMENT, INC.,

Defendant.

Adversary Proc. No. 20-08049-(AST)

## JUDGEMENT AGAINST AR IND WALIA AND NIKNIM MANAGEMENT INC.

The Court having called this adversary for the duly scheduled ruling conference on November 20, 2024, (the "Ruling Conference") following the trial conducted on July 24, 2024, and the Court having considered the evidence submitted by the parties and issued its order related thereto, judgment is hereby entered against Arvind Walia and NIKNIM Management,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Orion Healthcorp, Inc. (7246); Constellation Healthcare Technologies, Inc. (0135); NEMS Acquisition, LLC (7378); Northeast Medical Solutions, LLC (2703); NEMS West Virginia, LLC (unknown); Physicians Practice Plus Holdings, LLC (6100); Physicians Practice Plus, LLC (4122); Medical Billing Services, Inc. (2971); Rand Medical Billing, Inc. (7887); RMI Physician Services Corporation (7239); Western Skies Practice Management, Inc. (1904); Integrated Physician Solutions, Inc. (0543); NYNM Acquisition, LLC (unknown) Northstar FHA, LLC (unknown); Northstar First Health, LLC (unknown); Vachette Business Services, Ltd. (4672); Phoenix Health, LLC (0856); MDRX Medical Billing, LLC (5410); VEGA Medical Professionals, LLC (1055); Allegiance Consulting Associates, LLC (7291); Allegiance Billing & Consulting, LLC (7141); New York Network Management, LLC (7168). The corporate headquarters and the mailing address for the Debtors listed above is 1715 Route 35 North, Suite 303, Middletown, NJ 07748

Inc., jointly and individually, in favor of the Plaintiff, Howard M. Ehrenberg, In His Capacity As Liquidating Trustee Of Orion Healthcorp, Inc., as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Plaintiff recover the following:

1. Judgment is hereby entered against Defendants, Arvind Walia, and NIKNIM

Management, Inc., jointly and individually, and in favor of Plaintiff, Howard M

Ehrenberg, the duly appointed Liquidating Trustee for Orion Healthcorp., Inc., in

the amount of \$1,520,000 in principal plus costs of suit of \$350.00 and

prejudgment interest, calculated from the date of the filing of the Complaint on

March 13, 2020, to judgment, (1,831 days) calculated in accordance with New

York State Law at 9 simple interest in the amount of \$686,248.76, for a total

judgment of \$2,206,598.76.

2. Post-judgment interest shall accrue and be payable by Defendants, Arvind Walia

and NIKNIM Management, Inc., jointly and individually at the prevailing federal

rate pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961(a) from the date of entry of this Judgment to the

date the amount is paid in full.

Dated: April 3, 2025

Central Islip, New York

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Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:	
ORION HEALTHCORP, INC. et al.,	Chapter 11
Debtors.	Case No. 18-71748 (AST)
HOWARD M. EHRENBERG, IN HIS CAPACITY AS LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE OF ORION HEALTHCORP, INC., ET AL.,	
Plaintiff, v.	Adv. Proc. No. 20-08049 (AST)
ARVIND WALIA; NIKNIM MANAGEMENT INC.,	
Defendants.	
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## NOTICE OF APPEAL AND STATEMENT OF ELECTION

## Part 1: Identify the appellant(s)

- 1. Name(s) of appellant(s): Arvind Walia and Niknim Management Inc.
- 2. Position of appellant(s) in the adversary proceeding or bankruptcy case that is the subject of this appeal:

For appeals in an adversary proceeding.  Plaintiff	For appeals in a bankruptcy case and no in an adversary proceeding.	
Defendants  Other (describe)	☐Debtor ☐Creditor ☐Trustee ☐Other (describe)	

## Part 2: Identify the subject of this appeal

- 1. Describe the judgment—or the appealable order or decree—from which the appeal is taken:
  - a. <u>Judgment against Defendants Arvind Walia and Niknim Management Inc.</u>
    ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Plaintiff recover the following: Judgment is hereby entered against Defendants, Arvind Walia, and NIKNIM Management, Inc., jointly and individually, and in favor of Plaintiff, Howard M Ehrenberg, the duly

appointed Liquidating Trustee for Orion Healthcorp., Inc., in the amount of \$1,520,000 in principal plus costs of suit of \$350.00 and prejudgment interest, calculated from the date of the filing of the Complaint on March 13, 2020, to judgment, (1,831 days) calculated in accordance with New York State Law at 9% simple interest in the amount of \$686,248.76, for a total judgment of \$2,206,598.76.Post-judgment interest shall accrue and be payable by Defendants, Arvind Walia and NIKNIM Management, Inc., jointly and individually at the prevailing federal rate pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961(a) from the date of entry of this Judgment to the date the amount is paid in full [Doc. No. 157], a copy of which is annexed hereto.

2. State the date on which the judgment—or the appealable order or decree—was entered: April 3, 2025

## Part 3: Identify the other parties to the appeal

List the names of all parties to the judgment—or the appealable order or decree—from which the appeal is taken and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of their attorneys (attach additional pages if necessary):

Party	Attorney
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# Part 4: Optional election to have appeal heard by District Court (applicable only in certain districts)

If a Bankruptcy Appellate Panel is available in this judicial district, the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel will hear this appeal unless, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(c)(1), a party elects to have the appeal heard by the United States District Court. If an appellant filing this notice wishes to have the appeal heard by the United States District Court, check below. Do not check the box if the appellant wishes the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel to hear the appeal.

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## **ROSEN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**

By: <u>/s/ Sanford P. Rosen</u> Sanford P. Rosen

April 10, 2025

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Fee waiver notice: If appellant is a child support creditor or its representative and appellant has filed the form specified in § 304(g) of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, no fee is required.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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/s/ Christine McCabe
Christine McCabe

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

ORION HEALTHCORP, INC.,1

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 18-71748-(AST)

HOWARD M. EHRENBERG IN HIS CAPACITY AS LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE OF ORION HEALTHCORP, INC., ET AL.,

Plaintiff,

- against -

ARVIND WALIA; NIKNIM MANAGEMENT, INC.,

Defendant.

Adversary Proc. No. 20-08049-(AST)

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Dated: April 3, 2025

Central Islip, New York



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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE: Bankruptcy Case No. 18-71748 (AST) Adv. Pro. No. (if applicable) 20-08049 (AST)

## **Bankruptcy Appeal**

APPELLANTS	APPELLEES
ARVIND WALIA and NIKNIM MANAGEMENT INC.	HOWARD M. EHRENBERG, IN HIS CAPACITY AS LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE OF ORION HEALTHCORP, INC., ET AL.
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BASIS OF JURISDICTION: Federal Question	
CAUSE OF ACTION - 28:1334 Bankruptcy Appeal (Write brief Appellants appeal from the Judgment of the Appellants Arvind Walia and Niknim Managenetics)  NATURE OF SUIT: 422 Bankruptcy Appeal (801)	United States Bankruptcy Court entered against gement Inc. [Doc. No. 157]
RELATED CASE(S) IN <u>DISTRICT COURT</u> , IF ANY	
DISTRICT JUDGE	DOCKET NUMBER
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	Signature of Attorney of Record: /s/ Sanford P. Rosen or Appellant Pro Se)
	MAG. JUDGE

# CIVIL COVER SHEET, Bankruptcy Appeal (cont'd) Did the cause of action arise in Nassau or Suffolk County? Yes If YES, please indicate which county: Suffolk I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court. YES Yes NO Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action(s) in this or any other state or federal court? YES (If yes, please explain) NO NO Please provide your bar code and e-mail address below. Your bar code consists of the initials of your first and last name and the last four digits of your social security number, or any other four-digit number registered by the attorney with the Clerk of Court. This information must be provided pursuant to local rule 11.1(b) of the local civil rules,

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## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Plaintiff,

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Defendants.

Chapter 11

Case No. 18-71748 (AST)

Adv. Proc. No. 20-08049 (AST)

## STATEMENT OF ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED ON APPEAL

Arvind Walia and Niknim Management Inc., pursuant to the Notice of Appeal dated April 10, 2025, of the judgment of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York dated April 3, 2025 (the "Judgment"), set forth the following as their statement of issues to be presented on appeal:

- 1. Whether, by its order dated April 23, 2024, which underlies the Judgment, the Bankruptcy Court erred in granting summary judgment against Defendant-Appellant Niknim Management Inc., notwithstanding the existence of a genuine issue of material fact as to the reasonableness of value received by the debtors because of their exclusive use of the software acquired under the Objectech Membership Purchase Agreement.
- 2. Whether, by its order dated April 23, 2024, which underlies the Judgment, the Bankruptcy Court erred in denying the Defendants'-Appellants' summary judgment motion by finding that the Plaintiff-Appellee had standing to assert the claims under section 544 of the Bankruptcy Code, notwithstanding the failure to properly plead standing.

(Signature on following page.)

Dated: April 16, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

ROSEN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By: <u>/s/ Sanford P. Rosen</u>
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on April 16, 2025, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Court's CM/ECF notification system, which will send notice of electronic filing to all counsel of record.

/s/ Sanford P. Rosen Sanford P. Rosen

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# DESIGNATION OF RECORD ON APPEAL AND STATEMENT OF ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED ON APPEAL

Arvind Walia and Niknim Management Inc. (together, the "<u>Appellants</u>") designate the following items to be included in the record on appeal, pursuant to the Notice of Appeal dated April 10, 2025, from the order and judgment of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York dated April 3, 2025, entering judgment against the Appellants, jointly and individually (the "<u>Judgment</u>"), and set forth the following as their designation of the record on appeal and statement of issues to be presented on appeal:

## A. Designation of Record:

- 1. Amended Complaint and Exhibits [Docket 22]
- 2. Answer [Docket 23]
- 3. Defendants' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and Exhibits [Docket 51]
- 4. Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment [Docket 53]
- 5. Plaintiff's Statement of Undisputed Facts [Docket 54]
- 6. Affidavit of Jeffrey P. and Exhibits [Docket 55]
- 7. Affidavit of Edith Wong in Support of Plaintiff's Motion and Exhibits [Docket 56]
- 8. Affidavit of Frank Lazzara Support of Plaintiff's Motion and Exhibits [Docket 57]
- 9. Statement-Request for Judicial Notice Nolan in Support of Plaintiff's Motion and Exhibits [Docket 58]

- 10. Objection/Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment [Docket 60]
- 11. Response-Plaintiff's Response to Defendants' Separate Statement of Facts [Docket 61]
- 12. Affidavit of Jeffrey P. Nolan in Opposition to Defendants' Motion and Exhibits [Docket 62]
- 13. Affidavit of Arvind Walia in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion [Docket 64]
- 14. Brief in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion [Docket 65]
- 15. Affirmation of Sanford P. Rosen in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion [Docket 66]
- 16. Affidavit of Arvind Walia in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion [Docket 67]
- 17. Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion [Docket 68]
- 18. Affidavit of Sanford P. Rosen in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion [Docket 69]
- 19. Reply of Defendants in Support of Motion [Docket 70]
- 20. Objection and Request to Strike the Affidavit of Arvind Walia in Support of Motion [Docket 71]
- 21. Reply Brief in Support of Plaintiff's Motion [Docket 72]
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- 23. Defendants' Corrected Affidavit in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion [Docket 84]
- 24. Affirmation of Sanford P. Rosen in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion [Docket 85]
- 25. Transcript of Ruling Hearing of April 10, 2024
- 26. Order Granting and Denying in Part Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment/Summary Adjudication and Denying Defendants Arvind Walia's and Niknim Management, Inc.'s Crossmotion for Summary Judgment; Ruling on Evidentiary Objections; and Establishing Facts as Admitted in the Case Pursuant to FRCP 56(g) [Docket 97]
- 27. Order Granting and Denying in Part Judgment against Defendants Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. [Docket 153]
- 28. Judgment against Defendants Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. [Docket 157]
- 29. Notice of Appeal to District Court [Docket 159]
- 30. Civil Cover Sheet [Docket 160]

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Dated: April 16, 2025 Respectfully Submitted,

ROSEN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Counsel to Arvind Walia and Niknim Management Inc.

By: <u>/s/ Sanford P. Rosen</u> Sanford P. Rosen

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Defendant.

### NOTICE OF APPEAL AND STATEMENT OF ELECTION

## Part 1: Identify the appellant(s)

1. Name(s) of appellant(s): Howard M. Ehrenberg, in his capacity as Liquidating Trustee of Orion Healthcorp, Inc.,

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2.	Position appear		adversary	proceeding or bankruptcy case that is the subject of this
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2.		the date on which the junber 6, 2024; April 3, 20		or the appealable order or decree—was entered:
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	and the			ne appealable order or decree—from which the appeal is numbers of their attorneys (attach additional pages if
1	Party:	Arvind Walia	Attorney:	Sanford P. Rosen
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				New York, NY 10017-2803
		Niknim		
2	Party:	Management, Inc.	Attorney:	Sanford P. Rosen
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				747 Third Avenue
				New York, NY 10017-2803

# Part 4: Optional election to have appeal heard by District Court (applicable only in certain districts)

If a Bankruptcy Appellate Panel is available in this judicial district, the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel will hear this appeal unless, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(c)(1), a party elects to have the appeal heard by the United States District Court. If an appellant filing this notice wishes to have the appeal heard by the United States District Court, check below. Do not check the box if the appellant wishes the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel to hear the appeal.

Appellant(s) elect to have the appeal heard by the United States District Court rather than by the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

## Part 5: Sign below

/s/ Jeffrey P. Nolan Signature of attorney for appellant(s) (or appellant(s) if not represented by an attorney)	Date: <u>April 21, 2025</u>
Name, address, and telephone number of attorney (or appellant(s) if not represented by an attorney):	
llan D. Scharf; Jeffrey P. Nolan	
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Chapter 11

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Adv. Proc. No. 20-08049 (AST)

# ORDER GRANTING AND DENYING IN PART JUDGMENT AGAINST DEFENDANTS AR IND WALIA AND NIKNIM MANAGEMENT INC.

The Court, having held trial in the above-referenced matter on July 24, 2024, and having considered the evidence, the Court's April 10, 2024 ruling on *Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative Summary Adjudication as Against Defendants Arvind Walia; Niknim Management Inc*, prior pleadings and the record in this bankruptcy case as a whole; and having set this matter for a ruling conference on November 20, 2024 (the "Ruling Conference"); and sufficient cause appearing; and for the reasons set forth on the record of the Ruling Conference including certain legal and factual findings of the Court,

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

1. Plaintiff's First Cause of Action to Avoid an Intentionally Fraudulent Transfer under 11 U.S.C. §§544 and 548(a)(1)(A) and N.Y. Debtor and Creditor Law §276, and Second Cause of Action to Avoid a Constructively Fraudulent Transfer under 11 U.S.C. §544 and N.Y. Debtor and Creditor Law §§272-275, and §273-a, to avoid and recover the

transfer in the amount of \$2,500,000 (the "First Transfer"), made to the Defendants

Arvind Walia and NIKNIM Management, Inc., is denied as to either causes of action.

Plaintiff's First Cause of Action to Avoid an Intentionally Fraudulent Transfer under 11

U.S.C. §§544 and 548(a)(1)(A) and N.Y. Debtor and Creditor Law §276, Second Cause

of Action to Avoid a Constructively Fraudulent Transfer under 11 U.S.C. §544 and N.Y.

Debtor and Creditor Law §§272-275, and §273-a, to avoid and recover the transfer in

the amount of \$1,520,000 (the "Second Transfer") and Fourth Cause of Action For

Recovery of Property Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §544 and N.Y. Debtor and Creditor Law is

granted as to each causes of action. Defendants NIKNIM Management, Inc., and Arvind

Walia, individually, are joint and severally liable for \$1,520,000.

3. Plaintiff's Fifth Cause of Action to Object to the Claim No. 10067, filed in the amount

of \$61,590, as filed by Arvind Walia, is granted and the claim disallowed pursuant to

Bankruptcy Code section 502(d).

4. Plaintiff is awarded plus pre-judgment interest in accordance with the applicable interest

rate as to the Second Transfer as against Defendants Arvind Walia and NIKNIM

Management Inc., jointly and individually.

5. The Court retains jurisdiction over remaining matters related thereto including costs and

issuance of judgment.

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Dated: December 6, 2024 Central Islip, New York



Alan S. Trust

Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

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Dated: April 3, 2025

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Local Arbitration Rule 83.7 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000. exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed. Case is Eligible for Arbitration Plaintiff/Appellee; Cross-I, Jeffrey P. Nolan , counsel for Appellants , do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):  $\boxtimes$ monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150 000, exclusive of interest and costs the complaint seeks injunctive relief the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason: **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1** Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more or its stocks: **RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form)** Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 3 in Section VIII on the front of this form. Rule 3(a) provides that "A civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge." Rule 3(a) provides that "A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil case involves identical legal issues, or the same parties." Rule 3 further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power of a judge to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (b), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the court." NEW YORK EASTERN DISTRICT DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 1(d)(3) If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions below, this case will be designated as a Central Islip case and you must select Office Code 2. 1. Is the civil action being removed from a state court that is located in Nassau or Suffolk County? ☐ Yes 🛛 No Is the action—not involving real property—being brought against United States, its officers or its employees AND the ☐ Yes ☒ No majority of the plaintiffs reside in Nassau or Suffolk County? If you answered "no" to all parts of Questions 1 and 2: Did a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to claim or claims occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? Do the majority of defendants reside in Nassau or Suffolk County? ☐ Yes ⊠ No Is a substantial amount of any property at issue located in Nassau or Suffolk County? 4. f this is a Fair Debt Collection Practice Act case, was the offending communication received in either Nassau or Suffolk County?  $\square$  Yes  $\boxtimes$  No (Note, a natural person is considered to reside in the county in which that person is domiciled; an entity is considered a resident of the county that is either its principal place of business or headquarters, of if there is no such county in the Eastern District, the county within the District with which it has the most significant contacts). **BAR ADMISSION** I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court. Yes Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court? Yes (If yes, please explain | No I certify the accuracy of all information provided above. Signature: /s/ Jeffrey P. Nolan Jeffrey P. Nolan

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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re

Chapter 11

ORION HEALTHCORP, INC., ET AL.,

Case No. 18-71748 (AST)

Debtor.

HOWARD M. EHRENBERG, IN HIS CAPACITY AS LIQUIDATING TUSTEE OF ORION HEALTHCORP, INC., ET AL.,

Adv. Proc. No. 20-08049(AST)

Plaintiff-Appellee,

Civil Case No. 2:25-cv-02032-RPK (E.D.N.Y)

v.

ARVIND WALIA; NIKNIM MANAGEMENT, INC.,

Defendants-Appellants.

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# APPELLEE'S SUPPLEMENTAL DESIGNATION OF RECORD OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN RECORD RE: NOTICE OF APPEAL

Plaintiff, Howard M. Ehrenberg, in his capacity as Liquidating Trustee of Orion

Healthcorp,. Inc., (the "Appellee") hereby submits Appellee's Supplemental Designation Of The

Record Of Additional Items To Be Included In The Record Re: Notice Of Appeal of Order

Granting and Denying In Part Against Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. Judgment

Against Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. (the "Supplemental Designation"), to the

appeal filed by Defendants, Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. (the "Appellant") as

follows:

## APPELLEE'S SUPPLEMENTAL DESIGNATIONS OF THE RECORD

1. Stipulation and Order Re Filing of First Amended Complaint; and Entering of Scheduling Order [Docket No. 20].

- 2. Stipulation Requesting Amendment to Case Management and Discovery Plan (signed by Judge) [Docket No. 27].
  - 3. Letter of Adjournment [Docket No. 33].
  - 4. Stipulation to Attend Mediation and Toll Remaining Deadlines [Docket No. 34]
  - 5. Letter to Judge Trust re Mediation [Docket No. 37].
- 6. Declaration of Jeffrey P. Nolan with Regard to Status and Completion of Remaining Expert Discovery [Docket No. 38].
- 7. Declaration of Sanford P. Rosen with Respect to the Status of the Litigation and the Filing of Plaintiff's Proposed Order to Complete Remaining Expert Discovery and in Response to the Declaration of Jeffrey P. Nolan Submitted in Support of the Order [Docket No. 40].
  - 8. Letter to Judge Trust re note settled after mediation [Docket No. 41].
  - 9. Order to Complete Expert Discovery [Docket No. 42].
  - 10. Letter to Judge Trust Requesting Pre-Motion Conference [Docket No. 45].
- 11. Stipulation for Scheduling Order re Briefing Schedule for Summary Judgment Motions and Order (signed by Judge) [Docket No. 49].
  - 12. Letter to Judge Trust re Summary Judgment briefing complete [Docket No. 79].
  - 13. Letter to Judge Trust re adjournment of Pretrial Conference [Docket No. 80].
  - 14. Letter to Judge Trust re adjournment of Pretrial Conference [Docket No. 81].
  - 15. Letter to Judge Trust re adjournment of Pretrial Conference [Docket No. 82].
  - 16. Letter to Judge Trust re adjournment of Pretrial Conference [Docket No. 83].
  - 17. Letter to Judge Trust re adjournment of Pretrial Conference [Docket No. 87].
- 18. Letter to Judge Trust stating Defendants ready to proceed with hearing on Motion for Summary Judgment [Docket No. 88].

- 19. Letter to Judge Trust re adjournment of Pretrial Conference [Docket No. 89].
- 20. Letter to Judge Trust re adjournment of Pretrial Conference [Docket No. 90].
- 21. Letter to Judge Trust re adjournment of Pretrial Conference [Docket No. 91].
- 22. Adversary Pre-Trial Scheduling Order [Docket No. 92].
- 23. Request For Judicial Notice [Docket No. 136].
- 24. Joint Pre-Trial Memorandum [Docket No. 137].

Dated: April 30, 2025 PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP

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I, Rolanda Mori, am over the age of eighteen years, am employed by Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP. I am not a party to the within action; my business address is 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., 13th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90067-4003.

On April 30, 2025, in addition to service via the Court's ECF system, I caused a true and correct copy of the following document to be served via electronic mail upon parties set forth on the service list annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

• Appellee's Supplemental Designation Of Record Of Additional Items To Be Included In Record Re: Notice Of Appeal

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of New York and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/ Rolanda Mori

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# CROSS-APPELLANT'S DESIGNATION OF RECORD OF ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN RECORD RE: CROSS-APPEAL; STATEMENT OF ISSUES ON CROSS-APPEAL

Appellee, Howard M. Ehrenberg, in his capacity as Liquidating Trustee of Orion Healthcorp,. Inc., (the "Cross-Appellant") hereby submits *Cross-Appellant's Designation Of The Record Of Items To Be Included In The Record Re: Notice Of Cross-Appeal* of Judgment and Order Granting and Denying In Part Judgment Against Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. (the "**Designation**"), and *Statement of Issues on Cross-Appeal* as follows:

## **CROSS-APPELLANT'S DESIGNATION OF THE RECORD**

- 1. Amended Complaint [Docket No. 22].
- 2. Answer [Docket No. 23].
- 3. Motion For Summary Judgment or in the Alternative, Summary Adjudication as Against Defendants Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. [Docket No. 53].

- 4. Statement of Undisputed Facts / Joint Statement of Uncontroverted Facts in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment or, in the Alternative, Summary Adjudication; Plaintiff's Additional Statement of Facts Filed by Jeffrey P Nolan on behalf of Howard M Ehrenberg [Docket No. 54].
- 5. Affidavit of Jeffrey P. Nolan in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Summary Adjudication as Against Defendants Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. [Docket No. 55].
- 6. Affidavit in Support / Affidavit of Edith Wong in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Summary Adjudication as Against Defendants Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. [Docket No. 56].
- 7. Affidavit in Support / Affidavit of Frank A. Lazzara in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Summary Adjudication. [Docket No. 57].
- 8. Statement / Request for Judicial Notice in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Summary Adjudication as Against Defendants Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. [Docket No. 58].
- 9. Affidavit of Arvind Walia in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment [Docket No. 64].
- Brief of Defendants in Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment [Docket No.65].
- 11. Affirmation of Sanford P. Rosen in Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment [Docket No. 66].
- 12. Opposition of Arvind Walia to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment [Docket No. 67].

- 13. Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment [Docket No. 68].
- 14. Objection and Request to Strike the Affidavit of Arvind Walia Submitted in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Summary Adjudication [Docket No. 71].
- 15. Reply Brief in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Summary Adjudication as Against Defendants Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. [Docket No. 72].
- 16. Affidavit in Support / Affidavit of Jeffrey P. Nolan in Support of Plaintiffs
  Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Summary Adjudication [Docket No. 73].
  - 17. Partial Judgment Against Niknim Management, Inc. [Docket No. 117].
- 18. Trial Brief of Plaintiff, Howard M. Ehrenberg in his capacity as Liquidating Trustee of Orion Healthcorp, Inc. [Docket No. 131].
  - 19. Trial Affidavit of Craig Jacobson, Expert [Docket No. 132].
  - 20. Trial Affidavit of Plaintiff's Expert, Max Mitchell [Docket No. 133].
  - 21. Trial Affidavit of Frank Lazzara [Docket No. 134].
  - 22. Joint Pre-trial Memorandum and Pre-Trial Submissions [Docket No. 137].
  - 23. Plaintiff's Conclusions of Law [Docket No. 138].
- 24. Letter to the Court Pursuant to Order entered on July 25, 2024. Filed by Sanford P Rosen [Docket No. 145].
- Letter to Honorable Alan S. Trust Pursuant to Trial Order Entered on July 24,
   2024 Filed by Jeffrey P Nolan [Docket No. 147].
- 26. Notice of Errata and Lodging of Corrected Exhibit A to Trial Brief of Plaintiff (Lodging April 10, 2024 Transcript of Ruling) [Docket No. 148].

- 27. Order Granting and Denying in Part Judgment against Defendants Arvind Walia and Niknim Management Inc. [Docket No. 153].
  - 28. November 20, 2024 Ruling Conference Transcript [Docket No. 154].
  - 29. Judgment by U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York [Docket No. 156.]
  - 30. Judgment Against Arvind Walia and Niknim Management, Inc. [Docket No. 157].
  - 31. Notice of Appeal [Docket No. 159].
  - 32. Notice of Cross-Appeal [Docket No. 168].
  - 33. Transcript of July 24, 2024, Trial.

## **STATEMENT OF ISSUES ON CROSS-APPEAL**

- 1. Where The Defense To The <u>First Transfer</u> Of Receipt Of An Intentional Or Constructively Fraudulent Transfer Was Premised On A Contract Which Included The Defendants' Admission The Contract Purposely Misstated The Purchase Price And Diverted Millions Of Dollars To Insiders, While At The Same Time Not Paying Creditors, Did The Bankruptcy Court Error In Ruling That The Trustee Failed To Carry His Burden To Establish The Intent To Hinder, Delay, Or Defraud Either Present Or Future Creditors.
- 2. Did The Bankruptcy Court Misapply NY Debt & Cred Law 273 In Holding The First Transfer Was Made In Good Faith Where Two Insiders Paid An Alleged Antecedent Debt, At the Same Time Unsecured Creditors Were Not Being Paid, Were Forced To Sue And Which Debts Remained Unpaid At The Time Of The Bankruptcy Filing?

3. At Trial, Did The Defendants Submit Any Admissible Evidence That The <u>First Transfer</u> Of \$2.5M Made On April 15, 2016, Resulted In Any Value, Let Alone Reasonably Equivalent Value, Added To The Estate Of The Debtor That Otherwise Would Be Available To Creditors?

Dated: May 5, 2025 PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP

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• Cross-Appellant's Designation Of Record Of Items To Be Included In Record Re: Cross-Appeal; Statement Of Issues On Cross-Appeal

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of New York and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/ Rolanda Mori

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